Figure 108: Examples of data label options

Show legend key

Displays the legend icon for the data series next to each data point. Figure 108 shows the legend keys for motors and boats, but not for canoes.

Auto text wrap

Wraps data label text if needed.

Separator

Selects what will be used to separate multiple text strings when at least two options above are selected. In Figure 108, the separator is **Semicolon** for the canoes data labels, **New line** for the motors data labels, and **Comma** for the boats data labels (with the exception of the June label, which was modified for better fit). Further options are **Space** and **Period**.

Placement

Specifies the placement of data labels relative to the data point representation. In Figure 108, the placement of data labels is **Below** for canoes, **Above** for boats, and **Right** for motors. Other available options depend on chart type but may include **Left**, **Center**, **Outside**, **Inside**, and **Near Origin**.

Rotate Text

Sets the text orientation of data labels by using the dial or entering the rotation angle in degrees.

Text Direction

Specifies the text direction for a paragraph that uses complex text layout (CTL).

Data labels for individual data points

Sometimes it is appropriate to apply data labels to one or a few data points rather than all data points. This reduces clutter and highlights the most important data.

Adding a single data label

Insert a data label for a single data point in the following way:

1) Select the chart by double-clicking on it to enter edit mode. The chart should now be surrounded by a gray border.

2) Click the data point once, pause, then click again to select it. (Clicking too quickly opens the Data Series dialog.)

3) Right-click on the selected data point and select **Insert Single Data Label** in the context menu. The data label will have the default settings.